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MINUTES

OF THE

FLAT RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD AT

CAMP-CREEK MEETING-HOUSE,

ORANGE COUNTY, N. C.

On the 19th, 20th and 21st of October, 1833.

SATURDAY Oct. 19.

1. Elder Jordan not being present, the introductory Sermon was delivered by Elder Hudgins, from the 24th verse of the 9th chapter of first Corinthians.

2. The delegates then met together and seated themselves in the house, and after singing and prayer by Elder King, proceeded to business.

3. Letters from 16 Churches were read, and their standing noted on the 2nd page.

4. Breathren in the Ministry were invited to a seat with the Association, whereupon, Elder Heucely took a seat.

5. Messengers from Associations with whom we correspond, were requested to hand in their letters, whereupon Elder John B. Smith, from Concord Association, handed his and took a seat; Elder W. Berrs, from Roanok Association, handed in 2 Copies of their Minutes and took a seat; Elders Robert M'Phee, John Roberts & James Smith from Country-line Association, handed in 4 copies of their minutes & took seats; Elder W. H. Merritt from Sandy-Creek Association, handed in 20 copies of their minutes and took a seat, and Daniel S. Crenshaw from the Raleigh Association, handed in six copies of their minutes and took his seat.

Note.—Those Messengers marked thus (*) were absent; Churches marked thus (†) were not represented; Ordained Preachers' names in CAPITALS.

	CHURCHES.	MESSENGERS.	Rec'd by Bapt	Rec'd by Let.	Dismissed.	Restored	Excluded.	Deceased.	Number.	Contributions.
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West Section.		JAS FERRELL								
	N [illegible]	D HALL,								
		Ezekiel Hailey.	8	1	11	2	5	8	222	1 50
	Swamp Cr'k	Mark Roberts,								
		Elijah Green,								
		Wm Vanhook.	1	2	2	1	1		34	1 00
	Mt. Moriah	John Burroughs,								
		Wm Duskins,								
		John C Rhodes,*	22		24		2	2	90	1 50
	N Bethel,	E. Barker, W. Earp	1						35	0 75
South Section.		James Allen,								
	Neuse	Hillery Tompson.								
		Willis Tompson,	15	1	5		3	4	186	1 50
	Lock's	J Hailey, J. Hester.	5		4				41	1 00
	Cdr. Creek†									
		W. E OAKLEY								
	Tar River	David Parker*								
		Daniel Dean.	3					1	68	1 00
North Section.		David Brooks,								
	Bethel	Moses Woody								
		Aaron Brooks	13	3	3		2		156	1 50
		Thomas Owen,								
	Buffaloe	William Carter*								
		Henry Jones*	4	1	6	1	4	1	121	1 25
		John Stovall,								
	G Creek	William Royster,								
		John Amis	3	1	7		4	3	262	2 00
		JAMES KING,								
	O. Branch	Charles Smith								
		Thos Hellebutton	18	5			1		113	1 25
		Hamilton Hester								
	Hester's	Wm Gordon								
		James Howell.	17	5	5		5	1	180	2 12
		Wm R Sume*								
	L. Creek	Jessee F Barnett								
		Jno M. Norwood	10		4	1	1	4	115	1 00
East Section.		Michael Collins*								
	Tanner's	John Shearin								
		W HUDGINS.	4	6			2	2	131	1 25
		Wm. Hester								
	T's Creek	John Montague,								
		Thomas Demon[illegible]	4						68	1 60
		Z ALLEN								
	Brasfield's	Lewis Montague	10	6				1	50	0 93
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6. Chose *Zachariah Allen*, Moderator and *W. Hudgins*, Clerk.

7. Appointed W. E. Oakley, Hamilton Hester and James Allen, a committee of finance to receive the contribution, and settle with the treasurer.

8. Appointed a committee consisting of James King and Thomas Halleburtor, with the Moderator and Clerk, to arrange the business of the Association, & report on Monday.

9. Appointed Elders James King, John B. Smith and W. Hudgins to preach on Sabbath; worship to commence at 10 o'clock, A. M.

10. The Association entered into a resolution to appoint preachers to occupy the stand on Monday also, and Elders James Ferrell, John Roberts and William Berns were appointed accordingly.

11. After singing and prayer by Brother Hudgins, adjourned to Monday 10 o'clock, A. M.

LORD'S DAY

Elder James King opened divine service and preached from the 3d chapter of the Gospel by St. John and last verse, "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him." Elder John B. Smith, followed and preached from the 19th verse of the third chapter of the Acts of the Apostles, "Repent ye therefore, and be converted that your sins may be blotted out when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord."—Elder Hudgins concluded the service of the day by preaching from the 27th verse of the 5th chapter of Daniel "Thou art weighed in the balance and art found wanting.

MONDAY, Oct. 21st, 1833.

12. The morning being rainy; the breathren obtained liberty of sister Wilbern, for the Association to meet in her house, that the meeting house migh be devoted to preaching. The Association met, and after singing and prayer by Elder Smith, the Messengers names were called, and the Association proceeded to business.

13. The arrangement of business was read and received and the committee discharged.

14. The Breathren appointed to correspond with the Country-line Association did not attend—their excuse was satisfactory. Elder Thomas Freemon attended the Raleigh Association as our Messenger, and was received. Elder Z.

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Allen and Brother Halleburton attended as our Messengers to the Roanoak Association, and was received. None of our Messengers attended the Sandy Creek Association.— Elder Hudgins attended the Tar River Association as our Messenger and was received.

15. Messengers were appointed to attend the following Associations, viz: *Country-line*: William E. Oakley and William Royster. *Raleigh*; Elders Thomas Freemon and James Ferrell. *Roanoak*; Elders James King and Thomas Halleburton. *Sandy Creek*; William Duskins and Elders Durham Hall and W. E. Oakley. *Tar River*; Elders Z. Allen and W. Hudgins. *Concord*; Elders James King, Thomas Halleburton and Thomas King.

16. Elders Allen and Freemon, of the Standing Presbytery reported the Ordination of Gabriel Barbee, at Eno Church.

17. The Standing Presbytery appointed, were Elders J. King, W. Hudgins, T. Freemon, J. Ferrell, Z. Allen, W. E. Oakley, and D. Hall.

18. Report of the breathren appointed to Section meetings. W. E Oakley, Z. Allen and W. H. Jordan, attended as they were appointed; J. King and T. Halleburton did not attend, excuse satisfactory.

19. The Association appointed Section Meetings as follow, viz: At *Mount Moriah*, the Saturday before the fourth Sunday in July, to be attended by Elders Oakley, Hall and Ferrell. At *Buffaloe*, the Saturday before the third Sunday in July, to be attended by Elders J. King, T. King and W. Royster. At *Island-Creek*, the Saturday before the first Sunday in August, to be attended by Elders Allen and Hudgins.

20. The Treasurer being called on by the Association to report, reported as follows:

Former Fund - - - -	$24 08
Present Contribution - - - -	21 16 1-4
	45 24 1-4
Clerk's Fee	10 00
	$35 24 1-4

21. Appointed the Clerk to superinted the printing and dis[illegible] of 300 copies of these Minutes, and that he have $[illegible] for his services.

22. Brother Halleburton, moved to the Association to have a circular written to be attached to our next years Minutes, "on the duty of all Christians to keep up family

prayer," to which the Association agreed, and appointed Elder Hudgins to prepare the service.

23. Appointed the next meeting of the Association, at *Neuse* meeting house, Wake County, N. Carolina, the Saturday before the third Sunday in October, 1834.

24. Appointed Elder James King to preach the introductory Sermon, to commence at 11 o'clock, and Elder Oakley his alternate.

25. After singing and prayer by Elder Ferrell adjourned.

ZACHARIAH ALLEN, *Moderator.*
W. HUDGINS, Clerk.

Some of the Churches complied with the *request* of the Association as inserted in the last minutes, and sent in their letter an account of their Constitution, &c. Some of the particulars of which I shall here transcribe.

The *Church* at Eno Meeting house, was constituted in 1773 by Elders George Roberts and Reuben Pickette. The number of members when coustituted is not known; since their constitution, they have had three revivals among them, one in 1787—8, another in 1801—2—3, and the last in 1821—2—3, in the last revival in 1822 there was 556 members added by baptism, Elder James Ferrell is their *Pastor.*

Mayo *Church*, Bethel meeting house. This church was constituted in 1774, by Elders Samuel Harris, and perhaps Elder Reuben, for he was ordained two years before at Reedy Bottom, and was instrumental in planting the Church at Mayo, and afterwards took the care of it; "Semples' History of Baptist in Virginia, page 249." The number of members when this Church was constituted was 100, Semples' History, page 232. In 1802—3 they enjoyed a considerable out-pouring of the spirit, and about 120 was added to the church. Semple's History, page 248. Also in 1830—1 they had a considerable revival and many were added to the church; Elder Brooks is their *Pastor.*

The time of the constitution of the *Church* at Tabb's Creek meeting house, nor the numbers is not known; Elder George Roberts was instrumental in planting the church, they are now *without* a pastor.

The *Church* at Lock's meeting house was constituted by Robert Rucks and James Weathers in 1805.

The *Church* at Island Creek was constituted in 1820, by James Weathers, Zachariah Allen and P. Gold, with 42 members.

The *Church* at Camp Creek meeting house, was consti-

tuted by George Roberts and William Brown, in 1803 with 37 members.

The *Church* at New Bethel meeting house, was constituted by Jas. Ferrell & William W. Farthing in 1822 with 45 members.

The *Church* at Hester's meeting house, was constituted by Zachariah Allen and William B. Worrell in 1823 with 18 members.

The *Church* at Mount Moriah meeting house, was constituted by James Ferrell and William W. Farthing in 1823.

The *Church* at Brasfield's meeting house was constituted in 1823 with 19 members.

There are *Seven Churches*, the constitution of which we have not heard,*

The *Flat River Association* was formed, according to Benedict's History of the Baptist, vol. 2, page 105; by division of the *Roanoak Association*, 1794. In November 1805, the Association met at *Wheeley's* meeting house, Person County, North Carolina; Reuben Pickette preached the *Introductory* Sermon; George Roberts was chosen Moderator, and Barzellia Graves Clerk. Letters from *eighteen Churches* were read, and a number of them joined in petitioning for a *division* of the Association, which was agreed to, and the dividing line described as commencing at *Jones'* Bridge on Hico, and running South along the Road by Person Court House and Pain's Ordinary to Hillsborough. The *lower* part retained the name *Flat River* and the upper part *Country-line*. *Four* years after the division, I have the minutes of a meeting of the Flat River Association at *Tabb's Creek* meeting house, in July 1809. At this meeting there was letters received from *eleven Churches*, and in these Churches there were *six Ordained* ministers and 922 Communicants. And *twenty-four years after* this, the Association met at *Camp-Creek*, and letters from 16 churches were read, and in these Churches were *ten Ordained* preachers and 1832 *Communicants*.

For 28 standing years this Association has been in *union* and peace; so far as I can learn, they have ever considered themselves as an *advisory* council, and have contented themselves by giving advice when it was asked for. No Association has any business of her own! She is the creature of the Churches, created by them to do *their* business and no other. Whenever, therefore, Associations meddle with matters not necessary to the *peace* and *union* of the churches, they go in disorder. May this Association ever keep her eye upon that for which she meets, to be *advisors* and not

lords, fellow *helpers* and not authors of *division*, is the prayer of a laborer in the vinyard of the Lord.

W. HUDGINS.

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* I trust the Breathren will look back upon the foot-steps of the flock, and follow them and feed their kids by the Shepherd's tent.

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